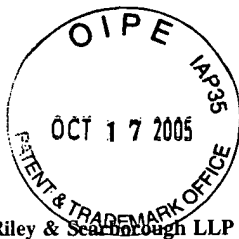


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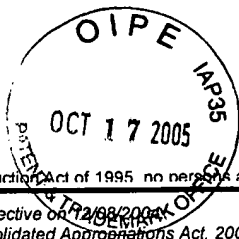
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	N/A
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	N/A
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	N/A
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200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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<b>Total Claims</b>	31	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
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